

Mount Holyoke Range State Park

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

JULY—AUGUST PROGRAMS

All programs are **free** and open to the public. **Meet inside the Notch Visitor Center** unless otherwise noted. Parking is free. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Please follow all current COVID guidelines. Visit [Mass.gov/COVID](https://www.mass.gov/COVID) for more guidance. For more information call the park at **(413) 253-2883**

Open Daily

NOTCH VISITOR CENTER, 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

The Visitor Center features free exhibits, park information, restrooms and drinking water. Wheelchair accessible. Accessible by [PVTA public transit](#) (Amherst Route 38). Open late-May through mid-October. *Times and dates subject to change.

Sundays and Mondays

BIRDING

Sunday 10:00—10:30 a.m. and Monday 9:00—9:30 a.m.

For ages 7 and up. Join a Park Interpreter to discover more about birds, their behaviors, needs, and habitats. Listen, watch, sketch, or journal during this interactive program. Includes a moderate, 1/2-mile-long hike in the woods.

Mondays

WILD WOODS WALK, 1:00—2:30 p.m.

For all ages. Join the park interpreter for an eye-opening stroll. Discover dynamic, colorful, and life-supporting plants in the Mount Holyoke Range. This is a moderate, 3/4-mile-long walk on the Laurel Loop Trail. *Storms cancel program.

Tuesdays

OUR OWN JURASSIC PARK, 10:00—10:30 a.m.

For all ages. Explore the unique geologic story of the Mount Holyoke Range, formed and shaped by fire and ice! Experience a dinosaur footprint, or two. This program takes place inside the Notch Visitor Center.

Wednesdays and Thursdays

TROLLEY SUPERHIGHWAY, 10:00—10:30 a.m.

For ages 12 and up. The trolley that ran through the Pioneer Valley in the early 1900s enhanced transportation, communication, and commerce. Find out why the Notch was a significant link to this information superhighway. This program takes place inside the Notch Visitor Center.

Thursdays

NAVIGATE THE NOTCH, 11:00—11:30 a.m.

For all ages. Learn how to navigate around Mount Holyoke Range State Park trails, and how to become a better steward and hiker. This program takes place inside the Notch Visitor Center.

Fridays

ROCKS TO ROOTS, 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

For teens to adults. Basalt bedrock is a significant part of the Range. It supports an uncertain, ever changing microclimate where rare plant communities live. This guided hike climbs up a steep, rocky trail up to Bare Mountain summit. *Storms cancel program.

Fridays

FIRE AND ICE GEOLOGY, 10:00—10:30 a.m.

For all ages. The Holyoke Range was formed from fire and ice! Hear the 200-million year old story of dinosaurs, lava and glaciers. This program takes place inside the Notch Visitor Center.

Saturdays

EMPOWERMENT HIKE, 10:00—11:30 a.m.

For teen to adults. Park interpreter-guided hike on a challenging, but fun, steep trail up to Bare Mountain summit. Build your trail navigation skills, connect to nature, and learn how to become a better steward. Hike is moderate to advanced ability, 1-mile round-trip, with challenging rocky terrain. *Storms cancel program.